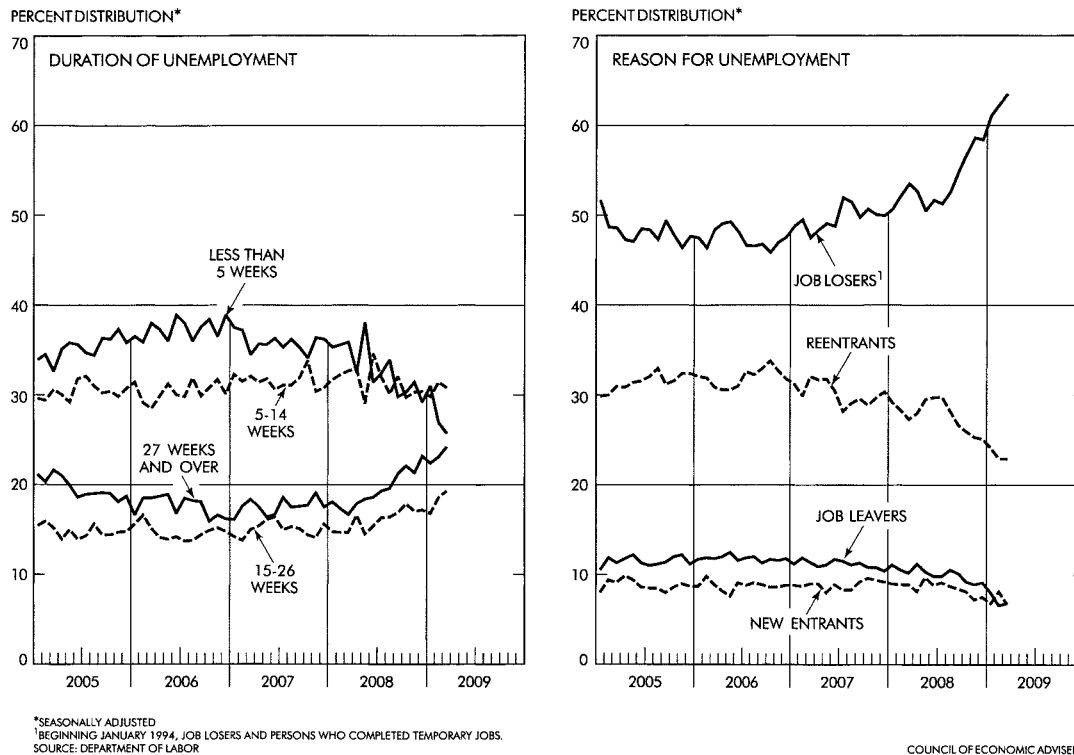


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In March, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 5–14 weeks fell; the percentages for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 20.1 weeks and the median duration rose to 11.2 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thou- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjust- ed) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Aver- age (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,706
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,518
2007	7,078	35.9	31.5	15.0	17.6	16.8	8.5	49.7	11.2	30.3	8.9	2,571	324	2,609
2008	8,924	32.8	31.4	16.0	19.7	17.9	9.4	53.7	10.0	27.7	8.6	3,306	424	3,343
2008: Mar	7,820	35.9	32.7	14.7	16.7	16.1	8.2	53.5	10.2	27.3	8.9	2,884	367	3,553
Apr	7,675	32.5	32.9	16.6	17.9	17.0	9.3	52.7	11.2	28.0	8.1	2,996	366	3,037
May	8,536	38.1	29.0	14.5	18.4	16.8	8.3	50.5	10.3	29.5	9.7	3,095	374	2,667
June	8,662	31.4	34.6	15.4	18.6	17.6	10.1	51.7	9.8	29.7	8.8	3,155	392	3,108
July	8,910	32.4	32.0	16.3	19.3	17.3	9.8	51.3	9.8	29.8	9.1	3,276	412	3,006
Aug	9,550	33.9	30.1	16.4	19.6	17.6	9.3	52.6	10.5	28.2	8.7	3,460	441	3,179
Sept	9,592	29.8	32.1	16.9	21.2	18.7	10.3	54.9	10.1	26.6	8.4	3,620	471	3,160
Oct	10,221	30.3	29.7	17.9	22.1	19.8	10.6	56.8	9.2	25.9	8.1	3,821	480	2,978
Nov	10,476	31.4	30.3	17.0	21.3	18.9	10.0	58.6	8.9	25.3	7.2	4,125	520	3,819
Dec	11,108	29.2	30.4	17.2	23.2	19.7	10.6	58.4	9.1	25.1	7.5	4,430	537	4,777
2009: Jan	11,616	31.0	29.8	16.8	22.4	19.8	10.3	61.1	8.0	24.1	6.8	4,670	573	5,372
Feb	12,467	26.9	31.4	18.6	23.1	19.8	11.0	62.3	6.6	22.9	8.1	5,085	637
Mar	13,161	25.7	30.8	19.3	24.2	20.1	11.2	63.5	6.8	22.9	6.7	657

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Seasonally adjusted insured and initial claims data reflect annual revisions.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).